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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazuhiko KOBAYASHI, et al.

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FOR: COLOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, TANDEM TYPE COLOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND
PROCESS CARTRIDGE FOR COLOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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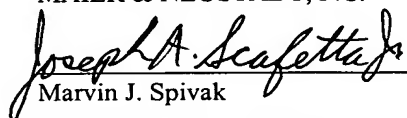
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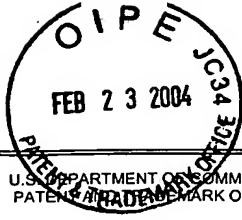
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

All of the references on Form PTO 1449 are discussed in the specification.

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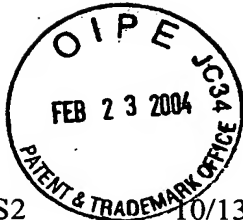
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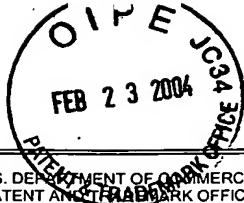
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